Two terrorists killed in Bannu encounter

By Our Correspondent

BANNU: Two terrorists were killed in an exchange of fire with police in Domel area of Bannu district here on Monday. The police also recovered weapons and ammunition from the possession of the killed militants.

Officials said a police vehicle was on a routine patrol when terrorists ambushed it. The police retaliated and an exchange of fire continued for about 20 minutes. Additional enforcements, including an armoured personnel carrier, Quick Response Force and Rapid Response Force personnel, were immediately dispatched from the Police Lines Bannu to the scene. During the search operation after the encounter, bodies of two terrorists were recovered.

Earlier, the security forces carried out an intelligence-based operation in Bakakhel area, killing a key and active commander of the banned Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan, security sources said.

TTP commander Ghafoor alias Ijaz was resident of Saidgai area of North Waziristan and was holding an important position within the banned organisation.

According to security sources, he was reportedly involved in multiple terrorist activities. During the two-day operation, terrorists offered fierce resistance, but security forces successfully completed the mission.

During the ongoing operation in the Bakakhel, Takhtikhel area, two security personnel sustained injuries.

In a separate incident, terrorists once again attempted to blow up Khaisur Bridge early Monday morning in the jurisdiction of Miryan tehsil. The explosion caused partial damage to the bridge.

Spring plantation drive to begin next month

PESHAWAR: Project Director of Ten Billion Tree Tsunami Project (TBTTP) Mohammad Junaid Diyar on Monday said that the spring plantation campaign will formally commence across Khyber Pakhtunkhwa on February 1.

The campaign will be launched as a well-organised, inclusive, and province-wide public movement aimed not only at promoting tree plantation but also at laying the foundation for a safe, green, and environmentally balanced future for coming generations, according to a statement issued here.

He said that during the plantation drive, saplings will be planted at all government offices, hospitals, public and private educational institutions, offices of non-governmental organisations, and adjoining lands.

The campaign will witness active participation from the forest and wildlife departments, law enforcement agencies, judiciary, Pakistan Army, teachers, students, schools, colleges, universities, along with civil society and volunteer organisations. — Bureau Report

CM Afridi asks federal government to apologise for Tirah operation claims

Insists in PA that PTI's warning about militants' regrouping was ignored

By Umer Farooq

PESHAWAR: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Sohail Afridi on Monday urged the federal government to retract a statement and tender an apology over "false" claims that Tirah residents were never asked by federal authorities or the military to leave their homes ahead of a planned offensive against terrorists.

"If the statement is not withdrawn,I will call a jirga of the Afridi tribe next Sunday over the issue," the chief minister told the provincial assembly during a session chaired by Speaker Babar Saleem Swati.

The chief minister said the federal government's assertion about the Tirah operation was a message of confrontation between the provincial and federal governments and state institutions besides being a death warrant for the 24-member committee that was forced to sign the evacuation agreement.

He insisted that the Centre's press release on Tirah issue amounted to a "no confidence" in its representatives, including Peshawar corps commander and the Frontier Corps inspector general.

Mr Afridi added that he had issued directions for not inviting both of them to any jirga in the future and that all communications with them should take place in writing and not verbally.

He said his party PTI had warned of militants' regrouping in the hills but the warning was ignored, encouraging them to come down.

The CM said the militants could have been stopped but as no steps were taken, they reached residential areas, leaving residents confused about how to respond.

He said the militants targeted people for denying meals, while the military acted against them for serving food to militants.

The chief minister said that the security crisis was not a failure of politicians, provincial government or religious leadership as the decisions, taken behind closed doors, failed to restore peace in the province despite 22 major and 14,000 intelligence-based operations.

He said a 15-point resolution was approved following a meeting of almost all political and religious parties in the house, with one point declaring that a military action was no solution to militancy, but even then, Tirah residents were forced to evacuate amid heavy snowfall.

"Your intention is not to eliminate militants but to belittle me and my government," he said.

Mr Afridi insisted that he was first called a smuggler and then a militant, but both narratives bounced back.

He said that repeated attempts were made to threaten him, but he remained steadfast and would always stand with the people of the province.

"No one can force me into abandoning my ideology," he said.

The CM said the forced evacuation was an attempt to turn Tirah residents against the provincial government but that didn't happen as the people knew that the decisions taken behind closed doors caused their misery.

He said those at the helm of affairs considered KP a "laboratory for experiments" but the residents would resist military operations.

Mr Afridi said he and his party criticised flawed policies over repeated failures and even offered solutions to issues facing the province.

Leader of the Opposition Dr Ibadullah said the National Action Plan against terrorism was devised in 2014, leading to the launch of the military operation Zarb-i-Azb that eliminated militancy, but then prime minister Imran Khan brought militants back. He added that KP received Rs800 billion from the Centre for fighting terrorism but not even a single police station was established in the merged tribal districts.

The opposition leader said a committee, formed in August 2025, gave three options: militants should vacate the region but they refused;form armed militia to fight militants but that never happened, and finally to evacuate the area for operation.

He said the commissioner and the deputy commissioner were part of the jirga, while Rs4 billion was released following the provincial cabinet's approval, with CM Afridi being in the chair.

"You have sanctioned the amount before releasing it but are verbally saying something else," he said.

Special assistant to the CM Shafi Jan said the federal government and ISPR director general first confirmed the Tirah military offensive but later withdrew the claim, formally denying launching a military operation.

MPA Ghani Afridi said the chief minister was opposed to military operations in the province.

He said despite the jirga's opinion that military operation is not a solution to militancy, Tirah residents were forced to leave by curfews were imposed and food rations were banned.

Alsointhesession,lawmakers from Peshawar, Kohat, Dir, Tank and other districts complained about poor mobile phone connectivity in their areas, prompting the chair to direct the chief secretary to call heads of all cellular companies in the provinces to ensure early resolution of the issue.

Minister for higher education Mena Khan Afridi laid the KP Universities Amendment Bill, 2026, in the house. The chair referred it to the relevant house committee to return it with recommendations in seven days.

The assembly passed the KP Adhoc Lecturers Regularisation of Services Amendment Bill, 2026, and KP Medical Teaching Institutions Reforms Amendment Bill, 2026.

It unanimously adopted a resolution, condemning Indian forces's aggression in the occupied Kashmir and paying tribute to Kashmiris for rendering sacrifices. It vowed to continue supporting Kashmiris in their freedom struggle.

The assembly also passed a resolution,rejecting Pakistan's act of joining the Gaza Board of Peace.

The resolution noted that the board,made by the US and Israel,had neglected Gaza and Palestinian leadership and that the US supported Israeli aggression and vetoed ceasefire multiple times.

MASONS carry out repair work on historical Eidgah Mosque on Charsadda Road, Peshawar, on Monday. The mosque was built by Mughal governor Mahabat Khan on a 40-kanal piece of land in 16th century. — Photo by Shahbaz Butt

Six newly-confirmed judges of PHC take oath

PESHAWAR: Six newly-confirmed judges of Peshawar High Court took oath of their offices on here Monday.

Peshawar High Court Chief Justice SM Attique Shah administered oath to them in a simple ceremony attended by judges, law officers, lawyers and staff officers, etc.

The confirmed judges include Justice Mohammad Tariq Afridi, Justice Mian Abdul Fayyaz, Justice Salahud Din, Justice Sadiq Ali, Justice Syed Mudasser Ameer and Justice Qazi Jawad Ehsanullah.

They have served as additional judges of the high court for almost a year. They have been appointed as permanent judges by the President of Pakistan on the recommendation of Judicial Commission of Pakistan. A notification of their appointment was issued on Jan 22.

PHC Bar Association also hosted a reception in the honour of newly-confirmed judges. President of the association Ameenur Rehman Yousafzai and other office-bearers welcomed the judges.

All the six judges, before their elevation to the bench last year, were senior lawyers. They are considered well-versed in different fields of law.

Justice Tariq Afridi and Justice Mian Abdul Fayyaz have also remained presidents of PHC Bar Association. Justice Mudasser Ameer is considered well-versed in constitutional and corporate law. He was a known face in cases related to National Accountability Bureau (NAB).

Justice Qazi Jawad Ehsanullah, is the son of a former judge of high court late Justice Qazi Ehsanullah Qureshi. He was also a prominent lawyer known for dealing with different categories of legal cases including constitutional, corporate, civil and criminal matters.

Similarly, Justice Sadiq Ali and Justice Salahuddin are experts in civil matters apart from other fields of law. Justice Sadiq was member of KP Bar Council at the time of his elevation and also served as its vice-chairman. Presently, PHC has 20 judges, including four additional judges, against the sanctioned strength of 30.

An additional judge Justice Farah Jamshed is the lone female judge on the bench. — Bureau

Operations against terrorists in Dera to be intensified

DERA ISMAIL KHAN: Dera division police chief Syed Ashfaq Anwar has directed that operations against terrorists and their facilitators be further intensified throughout the region.

He stated this while addressing a high-level meeting held here on Monday to review overall law and order situation across the region.

Dera district police officer Sajjad Ahmed Sahibzada, Tank DPO Abdul Samad, and SP Counter-Terrorism Department, Region One Iftikhar Ali Shah attended the meeting in-person, while DPO Upper South Waziristan Arshad Khan, Lower South Waziristan Tahir Shah, SP CTD Region Two Gul Rauf, and DSP Special Branch Ghulam Murtaza participated via video link.

During the briefing, district police chiefs apprised RPO Anwar of the prevailing law and order situation in their respective areas, ongoing operations, terrorism-related investigations, and existing security arrangements.

Mr Anwar stressed that all terrorism-related cases must be investigated in a comprehensive, transparent, and merit-based manner to ensure that those involved were brought to justice.

He also ordered effective use of modern technology, including drones and quadcopters, during operations.

KUNDI MEETS PARTY LEADERS: Governor Faisal Karim Kundi on Monday held meetings with PPP office-bearers and people from various walks of life at the Kundi Model Farm here.

PPP district president Malik Farhan Afzal Dhap briefed the governor on party organisational matters in the district.

A number of citizens also called on the governor and apprised him of various civic and administrative issues. Governor Kundi issued on-the-spot instructions to the authorities concerned to take practical steps for their early resolution.

The governor paid tribute to PPP workers for their unwavering commitment to the party and its ideology despite difficult circumstances, acknowledging their sacrifices and loyalty. — Correspondent

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E-Bids are invited through SAP-ARIBA Discovery for the service/material given below under competitive bidding procedure as per Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) rules;

SR #	TENDER NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	CLOSING DATE & TIME
1.	OGDCL-SCM-SERVICES-CB-EXPL-310542520-2026	HIRING OF SERVICES FOR GEOLOGICAL STRUCTURAL MODELLING AND STRATIGRAPHIC FRAMEWORK STUDY OF THE HAZRO BLOCK	11.02.2026 10:30 Hrs
2.	OGDCL-SCM-LF-PT-PQ-310703985-2026	PRE-QUALIFICATION OF SAFETY SHOES FOR 3 YEARS AND CALL OUT/ RATE RUNNING CONTRACT FOR ONE YEAR	18.02.2026 11:30 Hrs
3.	OGDCL-SCM-FD-CB-PENFD-309632280-2026	ONLINE GAS CHROMATOGRAPH	25.02.2026 11:00 Hrs

EXTENSION IN BID CLOSING & OPENING DATE

2. Reference our Tender Notice published in newspaper(s) on 10.12.2025, 17.01.2026 and 14.01.2026, it is notified that the bid submission/opening date of the following case (s) has been extended as follows:

TENDER NO	DESCRIPTION	REVISED CLOSING DATE & TIME
OGDC-FB-CB-PROD-305531602-2025	SMART COMPLETIONS WITH ACCESSORIES AND SERVICES	30.01.2026 At 11:00 Hrs
OGDCL-SCM-SERVICES-CB-MMD-60-3499-308415778-2026	ENGINEERING CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC EVALUATION OF DHODAK REFINERY AND RELOCATION-EXPANSION OPTIONS	09.02.2026 At 10:30 Hrs
OGDCL-SCM-SERVICES-CB-DO-308409374-2026	HIRING OF GYRO SERVICES	12.02.2026 AT 10:30 HRS

3. Bidders who have already submitted/ sent their proposals (bids) may take them back and re-submit the same before the revised closing date and time mentioned above
4. All bids will be opened 30 minutes after the bids closing date/ time.
5. Tender Notice/detailed instructions are available on PPRA website at www.ppra.org.pk.
6. Tender documents are available online and bids are also required to be submitted online through e-procurement portal at https://ogdcl.com/sap-ariba-tenders or discovery.ariba.com/profile/AN01562899621 for details see "Instruction for Bidders Section" of the tender documents.
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2. Bidding documents can be downloaded from EPADS software (kp.eprocure.com.pk) till 13-February 2026 at 11:00 AM.
3. The advertisement can also be downloaded from the website of KPPRA & WSSC Kohat www.wssck.org.pk for information purpose only.
4. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security of 2% of the bid price in favor of **WSSC Kohat.**
5. A Pre-bid Meeting will be held on 04th February 2026 at 11:30 AM at the WSSCK Office at the address given below. The bidder/ bidders shall upload their queries on EPADS prior to pre-bid meeting to resolve their queries.
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7. Any bidder who fails to upload their bid and CDR on the e-procurement software (EPADS) and submits only a sealed bid will be considered non-responsive, and their bid will not be entertained
8. All federal and provincial duties/stamp duty/taxes including sales tax will be recoverable as per directives of the government issued from time to time.
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